

No. R-13. House concurrent resolution recognizing the journalistic contributions of retiring WCAX television news director Marselis Parsons.

(H.C.R. 7)
(SPECIAL SESSION)

Offered by: All members of the House

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, during his successful quarter-century tenure as WCAX television's news director, Marselis Parsons has won numerous accolades for the station's news and public affairs programs, and

Whereas, among the honors bestowed on WCAX News under his leadership was the 2003 Radio and Television News Directors Association's Edward R. Murrow Award winner for the best television newscast in the United States in broadcast markets sized 50 and smaller, and the station has since won regional Edward R. Murrow Awards, and

Whereas, Marselis Parsons graduated from Lafayette College, and he was employed at several radio stations and a New Hampshire television station before beginning his 42-year career at WCAX, and

Whereas, he started at Channel 3 in 1967 as a general assignment reporter, and soon became the station's Montpelier correspondent, informing his audience on the happenings under the golden dome and throughout state government, and

Whereas, for seven years, he anchored the station's Nightbeat telecast, and

Whereas, in 1979, Marselis Parsons became the anchor and producer of a monthly news magazine known as *Dimension* that earned two New England Emmy awards and much laudatory recognition, and

Whereas, he was one of the producers of an in-depth 25-part series in 1983 titled Patterns of Practice that was presented with a prestigious Peabody Award for excellence in broadcast journalism, and

Whereas, although Marselis Parsons assumed the administrative duties of WCAX news director in 1984, he has continued to use his journalism skills on camera as anchor of the weeknight six o'clock news and the Sunday morning You Can Quote Me interview program, and

Whereas, after an illustrious career in broadcast journalism, Marselis Parsons will conclude his role as WCAX news director on May 31 and retire from his nightly anchor duties in August, but he intends to continue to file occasional interesting stories for telecast, and

Whereas, Vermonters will miss his informative weeknight television visits at the dinner hour, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the journalistic contributions of retiring WCAX television news director Marselis Parsons and wishes him a wonderful retirement that includes continued appearances on WCAX, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marselis Parsons and WCAX television in South Burlington.